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1. Dutch balk at proposed UN directive to UNCFI--According to US Ambassador Baruch, Dutch Foreign Minister Stikker believes that the proposed UN Security Council message to the UN Commission for Indonesia (instructing the Commission to assist the parties in removing the obstacles to the holding of the proposed conference at The Hague) will be unacceptable to the Dutch Cabinet. Stikker declares that he and the Prime Minister may have to resign if the Cabinet is forced to a decision on the message. Stikker points out that such an event would be unfortunate if it interfered with his signing of the Atlantic Pact. Ambassador Baruch believes that Stikker exaggerates the opposition in the Netherlands to the proposed message.

(CIA Comment: CIA concurs in Ambassador Baruch's estimate and believes that the Dutch Cabinet will probably acquiesce in the UN proposals.)

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